II. Guide-lines for Project clearance

(1) Major and medium irrigation and multi-porpose projects with CCA of more than 2000 hectares require approval of the planning Commission *before their inclusion in the State* Five Year Plans.

(2) The scrutiny of major projects by Central Water Commission of the project reports examined and cleared by Central Organisation of the State Government and the State Level Appraisal Committee is restricted to examination of inter-State aspects, hydrology, dam safety, water availability, water accounting and economic viability.

(3) Where the State level Central Design Organisation do not exist, the examination by the Central Water Commission also covers the scrutiny of design aspects of the projects as well.

(4) The scrutiny of medium projects is on proforma basis.

(5) While major projects also need clearance from environmental and forests angles, medium projects need clearance from forests angle only.

(6) The projects involving resettlement of SC|ST population also need clearance from the Ministry of Welfare on rehabilitation and resettlement aspects.

(7) The processing of major and medium projects at the Centre would take a period of 14 months and 7 months respectively.

The Planning Commission after considering financial as well as other aspects, finally accords investment clearance to major, medium and multipurpose projects recommended to it by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources.

Apple Industry in Kashmir Valley

*68. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Apple Industry in Kashmir valley has been completely ruined;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which this major prime industry of Kashmir is getting a raw deal from the administration;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration for bringing apple revolution in Kashmir like Himachal Pradesh and for providing all facilities at concessional rates to all fruit growers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what kind of help is proposed to be provided to the apple growers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have reported that horticulture is receiving attention as a priority sector and it is not a fact that the apple industry has been ruined.

(c) and (d): The State Government are providing the following incentives to apple growers in Jammu & Kashmir:—

(i) An assistance of Rs. 10,000|- per ha. during the gestation period of five years for new orchards.

(ii) Farm trials and demonstration of scientific and improved orchard management including provision of Plant Protection chemicals & fertilizers free of cost and supply of subsidised power sprayers.

(iii) Popularisation of high density planting and improved productivity methods. Government of India provides assistanceto J and K, as in the case of ther apple growing States, for supply of quality planting material, mulching, drip irrigation and incentives for rejuvenation of old orchards.